

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 01-033)

PATENT**In Re Application of:****Bacus****Serial No. 09/760,120****Filed: January 12, 2001****For: METHOD FOR QUANTITATING
A PROTEIN BY IMAGE ANALYSIS****Examiner: G. Gabel****Art Unit: 1641****Confirmation No.: 1979****RECEIVED
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 16, 2003

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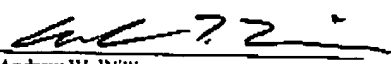
Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following response to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile transmission to Commissioner for Patents, at (703) 872-9306 on June 16, 2004.

Date: June 16, 2004


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